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## Clinton settlers are subject of quarterly

The history of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township, Wayne County, is presented in the November issue (Volume III, Number 2) of "Northeastern Pennsylvania," the historical quarterly about the eleven counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This history, written by S. Robert Powell, is structured in terms of the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township in the period 1915-1942 and in 1978. Sheldon Norton and Earl Melville Peck were the originators of these annual celebrations.

The pioneer families of Clinton Township are as follows: Norton, Grennell, North, West, Gaylord, Griswold, Peck, McMullen, Loomis, Ledyard, Bunting, Saunders, Davenport, Arnold. Information about these families and group photographs of some of the more than 400 persons who attended the first Pioneer Day celebration on August 27, 1915, are presented in this history.

Also presented in this issue of "Northeastern Pennsylvania" is the history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Reprinted in the history of this church, which celebrated its 150th anniversary on August 23, 1981, is Kenneth Singer's "History of the Clinton Center Baptist Church," which Singer presented at the sesqui-centennial celebration earlier this year.

The pioneer ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church are as follows: Rev. Elijah Peck, Rev. John Smitzer, Rev. Horace Jones, Rev. Charles H. Hubbard, Rev. Alex Smith, Rev. Charles A. Fox, Rev. Henry Curtis, Rev. George Walling, Rev. Joseph Curren, Rev. James Spencer, Rev. D. P. Purdon, Rev. B. B. Bunting, Rev. J. R. Remsen, and Rev. James Rainey. The present minister of the Clinton Center

Baptist Church and the Aldenville Baptist Church is Rev. Dwight E. Anderson.

A photograph in the collection of Mildred (Rude) Thomas, Carbondale, taken in 1956 of a group of the attendees at the 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, and a group portrait taken by Donald W. Powell of some of the persons in attendance at the 150th anniversary celebration in 1981 are presented in this church history.

The genealogical and local history notes presented in the November issue of "Northeastern Pennsylvania" are also about Clinton Township: township histories, family histories, cemetery inscriptions, personal recollections by township residents, photographs of prominent citizens of Clinton Township of the past and of their equally prominent descendants, and a detailed account of the seventy-fifth Griswold family reunion.

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